**Brian Stack**

**29th September 1984**

SEFF remembers Brian Stack who was died on 29th September 1984, after being injured in an attack on 25th March 1983.

Brian Stack was the Chief Prison Officer in Portlaoise Prison during one of the most troubled times in our history. On the night of 25th March 1983 he was shot from behind by a gunman as he left the National Boxing Stadium in Dublin. Brian did not die that fateful night but remained in a coma for many months. When he came out of the coma he was left brain damaged and paralysed from the neck down. He survived until 29th September 1984, when he finally died, aged 48, from his injuries.

Brian married a local woman Sheila Donoghue in 1967 and he had three sons: Austin (who followed him into the Prison Service), Kieran and Oliver. While he was very dedicated to his work he was also very much a family man and spent week nights in the boxing club with the boys and weekends were spent bringing them to GAA matches around the country.

Brian is represented on SEFF’s Memorial Quilt along with two other victims’ of ROI terrorism – Richard Fallon and Patrick Kelly. The symbol used for Brian is the Irish Prison Service Logo.

SEFF’s thoughts and prayers are with the Stack family today and everyday.